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In re application of:

Steven A. Sunshine et al.

Application No.: 09/596,169

Filed: June 16, 2000

For: MULTIPLE SENSING SYSTEM  
AND DEVICE

Examiner: C. Tsai

Art Unit: 2857

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2001, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 19-22 are pending in the present application. No claims have been amended. The claims as pending are set forth in the Appendix for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants confirm the election of Group I without traverse. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**I. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE CLAIMED INVENTION**

The present invention provides a distributed sensing system in a networked environment for identifying an analyte, the system comprising: a first sensor array connected to